REMARKS

Pursuant to the Non-Compliant Amendment, only the corrected section of the amendment found to be non-compliant, in this instance the claims, more specifically the omission of claims 1-3 originally canceled by Amendment mailed April 12, 2000 in a response to an Office Action, has been included and annotated accordingly.

No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and prompt acknowledgment of such is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this response. In the event of a fee deficiency, please charge Deposit Account No. <u>08-0219</u> accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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